SEVERE WEATHER WATCH/WARNING AND MARINE WARNINGS FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD WATCH/WARNING FIRE WEATHER WATCH/WARNING

The procedures listed below will be followed by the Washington Warning Point when a SEVERE WEATHER WATCH/WARNING, a MARINE STORM WARNING, a MARINE GALE WARNING (for Inland Waters, Camano Island to Point Roberts, Puget Sound, and Hood Canal), a FLASH FLOOD WATCH/WARNING, a FLOOD WATCH/WARNING, or a FIRE WEATHER WATCH/RED FLAG WARNING is received via the NAWAS or other means from the National Weather Service (NWS). These procedures will also be applicable when NWS announces over NAWAS other weather issues such as Snow Advisories for high population areas, River Statements, or High Surf Advisories which are expected to cause damages.

- 1. NWS (Seattle, Spokane, Portland, or Pendleton) will "ring" the NAWAS circuit for the State Warning Point.
- 2. Acknowledge the NWS and after determining who the watch/warning is for do the following:

Ring state NAWAS circuit (9 seconds) and say:

"THIS IS THE WASHINGTON WARNING POINT. THE FOLLOWING STATIONS (name stations)(or ALL STATIONS) ARE TO STANDBY FOR A STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. OTHER STATIONS DISREGARD (if not to "all"). ROLL CALL WILL FOLLOW. RELAY THE INFORMATION TO SECONDARY WARNING POINTS AND YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR. THE SAME INFORMATION IS BEING SENT AUTOMATICALLY VIA ACCESS. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, GO AHEAD AND ISSUE STATEMENT."

- 3. After NWS issues statement follow with a roll call of affected stations, noting those affected stations that did not respond. Provide this information in step 5, below. Via telephone, call non-responding stations and provide the watch/warning information.
- 4. <u>Always</u> copy warning information as given and acknowledge. <u>Record</u> electronically if possible.
- 5. <u>Via ACCESS</u>: Use ACCESS to resend any missed information or additional information that is not sent automatically from the NWS.
- 6. <u>Additional information</u>, to include watch and warning cancellations and/or terminations, received from the National Weather Service will be passed on to affected areas via NAWAS and ACCESS. <u>Additional information</u> received from reliable sources in the field will be passed on to the NWS via NAWAS.
- Continue to monitor NAWAS.